

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HINXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM.

Present:

Mr R. Lewis (Chairman)
Mr R. Cobb (Vice- Chairman)
Mr D. Osmond
Mr E. Sore
Mr N. Tiffin
Mrs W. Kitchener (Clerk)

Other Persons Present – Four Members of the Public

1. The Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 7th July were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by David Osmond and seconded by Eric Sore.

2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda: Dealt with under other headings.

3. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

4. Finance:

Current Parish Council Funds: The Councillors agreed to the expenditure for the current month. Proposed by Russell Lewis and seconded by Richard Cobb.

Annual Accounts: Wendy Kitchener reported the annual accounts for 2015/2016 have been signed off by the BDO the external auditor. No issues were raised.

5. Planning:

6. Highways:

Various Issues:

A Pothole by Capmore Farm -A Pothole by The Close -The gully in the High Street adjacent to junction with Homefield requires clearing. The 30mph speed sign at the entrance to the Village from Edworth, on the left, is obscured by overgrown hedges. This has been reported to Hertfordshire Highways but no action has been taken. **Wendy Kitchener is to contact Hertfordshire Highways.**

7. Village Hall: David Osmond reported that an external power point has been installed along with painting maintenance work.

8. Recreation Ground:

The “Bonfire” Area: In the past Villagers have been allowed to deposit burnable rubbish on this area. The Parish Councillors have now agreed that this facility can no longer be used. Therefore Villagers are to be asked to dispose of their burnable rubbish by other means. **Wendy Kitchener to put a note in the Village Voice.**

The Rubbish Bin: This appears not to be being emptied regularly. **Wendy Kitchener to notify the Contractor.**

9. The Tennis Court: Nothing to report.

10. The Allotments: The current Allotment Licence will remain unchanged. A new allotmentee has come forward to take a vacant plot.

11. Any Other Urgent Business:

The War Memorial: The work has commenced. Unfortunately no further funds have been forthcoming. Of the pledges made the AGM in April only two have provided funds, Tony Hunter (Hertfordshire County Councillor) and the Village Hall Management Committee.

It has been noted the silver birch tree at the rear of the War Memorial may be causing a problem to the rear wall. Work to the tree may be required. As this may be subject to a Tree Preservation Order NHDC are to be contacted for their advice. **Wendy Kitchener to action.**

The Land Adjacent to Cantlebury: The Parish Councillors, over the past months, have been notified by a number of Village residents of their concern regarding the work taking place at the site. The relevant authorities NHDC and Hertfordshire Highways have been notified and both have visited the site. As work is moving on apace and it appears there are further current issues that are the responsibility of Hertfordshire Highways, they have agreed to visit the site again at a date to be arranged.

Hinxworth Parish Council Website: This is ongoing. To be discussed further at the October meeting.

A Scarecrow Festival: The Chairman has been approached by an interested party who is forming a committee to possibly hold the said event next year.

Councillor Code of Conduct: This is to be discussed at the Parish Council meeting in October.

12: Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday October 6th 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 8.15pm.